

Weekly Bulletin of

The Jerusalem Rotary Club

Club # 13459, District 2490

4 February 2015

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This Week's Programme

Dr. Angela Arbelaez, Journalist and Interfaith Consultant:

"A Special Cultural heritage - the Voices of Salonica"

Historian, journalist and interfaith consultant, **Angela Maria Arbelaez** was born in the city of Manizales, Colombia and studied at the University of Crete, Greece and then at the Lomonosov Moscow State University, where she earned a Ph.D. in the History of Art. Both universities are highly rated in the Times Higher Education (THE) list. In 2012, the President of Colombia awarded her the "Marca Pais" prize as one of the prominent



Colombian citizens working abroad, together with Fernando Botero, Shakira and Gabriel Garcia Marquez. She was particularly commended for promoting the legacy of the Holocaust and for her contribution to dialogue between Christians and Jews. In 2014, she was a consultant for the foreign press in Israel on the pilgrimage of Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew to the Holy Land.

Since 2009, Angela produces and presents the radio show "Desde Grecia Aki Salonika" (From Greece, Here is Salonika), broadcast regularly by Radio Sefarad in Spain. Until she recently moved to Jerusalem, she worked out of Athens and now continues with her radio program from

here. She is fluent in four languages: Spanish, English, Greek and Russian.

Lunch meeting at the Jerusalem YMCA, Wednesday, 4 February at 13:00 ♣

Upcoming Programme

11 February:

Mr. Guy Klaiman, General Manager, the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Topic: "The Waldorf Astoria Makes, the Jerusalem Scene"

18 February:

R/Dan Shanit: "Rotarians Shaping the Future of 6,000 pupils in a German town"

Future Events

30-31 April:

Annual outing to Peniel-by-Galilee. Details to follow soon

6-9 June:

Rotary International Annual Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil





Dear Editor,

Last week I reported to the Rotary Club that our dear member Helene Stuart has been in the hospital all week. She will be coming home today or tomorrow and then undergoing surgery in a week or two.

Her daughter, Rafi, would like to surprise her with a photo album of pictures of the dolls and blankets that she has knitted for us over the years.

If you can take pictures of any items made by Helene that you or your lived ones have, please send them to me and I will send them to Rafi.

Marilyn F.

Since David Zwebner will be travelling from now till middle March, he asked me to take over the arranging for the Passuk HaShavua.

This means that you now have the opportunity to fulfill two real mitzvot, 1) to volunteer to give at least one of these pessukim and 2) actually to do it.

The dates in question are on the Wednesdays 4, 11,

18, 25 February and 4, 11, and 18 March.

Please hurry to let me know the date(s) you prefer, so that you will not be too late.

And seriously, I would appreciate hearing from you, so that I don't have to ask and beg you to do it.

David L.

I am sending in again this picture, which was meant for Hanukkah.

Do you have any idea how hard it is to find a Jewish zebra...??

Rafi A.



Presidential Address

Half way through

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Half a year has passed since I began my tenure as president of the Club. When I took office in July I expressed my desire to increase the number of members and to refresh our ranks.

As you know, the Rotary movement both in Israel and overseas has suffered in recent years from a serious "marketing" problem and is having difficulties in enlisting new members. However, this year the club has been blessed with an energetic, charismatic and innovative new Members Committee.

To date, three new members have joined our ranks, and in all likelihood, two others will join us later this month.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club has always been a strong and leading Club in the District. We welcome new active members of quality who will add prestige and status to our club.

All this, my friends, we owe to our tireless Members Committee: P/P Shlomo Khayat and President-elect Yaron Amitai. We hope you will continue and not tire. The Club needs you. Thank you again for your valued contribution.

P/Nezar Tannous



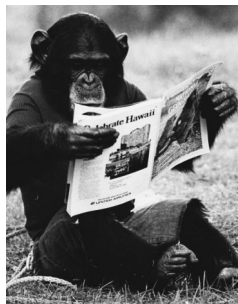


International Toast

Amman

If it's not your birthday no special event comes to mind when we think of 4th February. However, once you begin to search it is amazing how many events, serious, historical, funny, tragic or simply trivial, happen on this special day. There are many, I found a list of over 200, but we will only indulge in a tasting:

- * 211 CE – The Roman Emperor Septimus Severus dies and leaves the Roman Empire to his two quarrelsome sons, Caracalla and Geta.
- * 1194 – King Richard the Lion Heart is ransomed for 100,000 gold crowns from the 'Saracens.'
- * 1703 – In Edo (Tokyo) 46 of the 47 Ronin commit seppuku (ritual suicide) as recompense for their master's death.
- * 1855 – Soldiers shoot Jewish families in Caracalla, Venezuela.
- * 1913 – Louis Perlmutter patents a demountable automobile tyre carrying wheel rim.
- * 1920 – First flight from London to Johannesburg that only took 1½ months.
- * 1926 – Austrian Chancellor Seipel wants to join Germany.
- * 1932 – Japan occupies Harbin, Manchuria.
- * 1933 – Hindenberg limits freedom of the press.
- * 1938 – Hitler seizes control of the German army and puts Nazis in key posts.
- * 1945 – Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin meet in Yalta in the Crimea to plan a "peaceful" post WW2.
- * 1962 – Izvestia reports that baseball is an old Russian game.
- * 1969 – The Palestine National Congress appoints Yasser Arafat as chairman of the PLO.
- * 1974 – Chimpanzee Nim Chimsky signs his first word at 2½ months.



- * 1977 – US Secretary of State Discoveries that her grandparents were Jewish.
- * 2015 – In these days the Jordanian Ambassador returns to Israel after being withdrawn for three months after problems in Jerusalem and the Temple Mount/Haram al Sharif.

Everything that leads to normal, hopefully peaceful, relations with our neighbours is worth celebrating. So let us toast the Rotary clubs of

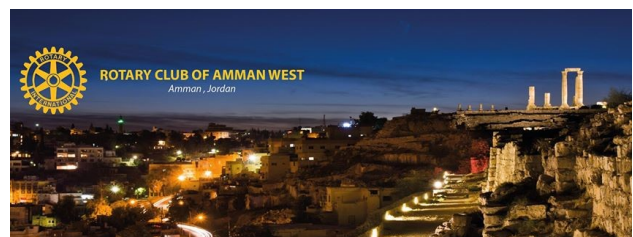


Amman that include:

- * Amman, the first club established in 1956, followed by:
- * Amman Jerash
- * Amman Irbid
- * Amman Jordan River
- * Amman Petra
- * Amman Philadelphia
- * Amman West
- *and there is even one in Aqaba.

So raise your glasses and toast the Rotary Clubs of Amman in the spirit of peace, friendship and Rotary fellowship.

David S. ♣



OOPS. Last week we published by mistake a reference to the Amsterdam Rotary club. To read more about Rotary Club of Göteborg-Kungälv, see:

<http://www.kungsrotary.se.webadmin7.net/>



Happy Hour

Random thoughts as we age

Do not worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older it will avoid you."

Winston Churchill

- * **The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."**
- * **Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!**
- * **Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!**
- * **I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!**
- * **Old age is coming at a really bad time!**
- * **Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can & the friends to post my bail when I finally snap!**
- * **I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise**
- * **My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.**



- * **Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.**
- * **If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.**
- * **The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes". I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.**
- * **Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound!**
- * **Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?**
- * **Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.**
- * **Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?**
- * **At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.**
- * **Chocolate comes from cocoa which is a tree ... that makes it a plant which means ... chocolate is Salad !!!**
- * **And, of course... Have I sent this to you already... or did you send this to me?**



Sent in by Ruth H. ♣

Jerusalem Rotary Club

Meeting at the YMCA, 26 King David St, Jerusalem Wednesdays at 13:00, last Wednesday of each month at 19:00. Meetings are conducted in English. Visiting Rotarians and other guests are welcome.

Luncheon/Dinner cost: NIS 65, students and lone

soldiers: NIS 50. For Kosher meals please book in advance. For this and other enquiries please e-mail club secretary David Lilienthal: rawdav@gmail.com.

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